

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-14 and 19-23 are cancelled without prejudice to pursue in a related application. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-18 and 24-27 are allowed. Applicant formally recognizes the allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-14 and 19-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Quayle et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,464), and Claims 1-3, 10-12 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sample et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,912).

In response, Applicant respectfully asserts that any rejection of these claims is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed allowable, and an allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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